

New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site Community Forum

AGREEMENT

The New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site Community Forum has been meeting since December 7, 1993 on issues related to the removal and treatment of contaminated sediments in the Hot Spot in the Acushnet River. After a review of potential alternative technologies for remediation of the Site, the Forum met on July 12 and August 9, 1994, and agreed to the following:

1. The Forum, which includes representatives from Concerned Parents of Fairhaven, Downwind Coalition, Hands across the River Coalition, the Towns of Acushnet and Fairhaven, the New Bedford City Council and Mayor's Office, the Massachusetts General Court, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, is committed to finding a form of remediation for the Hot Spot sediments that will preclude the need for, or use of, on-site incineration.

2. The Forum favors a remedy for the Hot Spot sediments that permanently destroys the PCBs.

3. The Forum agrees that treatability studies on separation in conjunction with chemical destruction and solidification/stabilization technologies should begin as soon as possible.

4. The Forum acknowledges that there is a need for a reliable back-up technology for use in the event of a failure in the full-scale application of a primary technology(ies). The Forum agrees that it will request EPA to conduct only one set of treatability studies. Once treatability studies on separation/chemical destruction and solidification/stabilization have been performed and analyzed, the Forum will work to develop a consensus on the primary and back-up technologies without the performance of additional treatability studies. The Forum will seek to develop a consensus on the primary and back-up technologies in advance of EPA's revisions to the existing record of decision (ROD) regarding the choice of treatment technologies.

5. The Forum agrees that it will have a role in the development of specifications for the treatability studies.

6. The Forum will develop promptly procedures or protocols describing its input into the solicitation, conduct and evaluation of treatability study contracts.

7. The Forum agrees that it will have access to the data developed in the treatability studies and input into the selection of technologies.

8. The Forum will continue to support the mission of Sea Change, formerly known as the Center for Excellence, which is to develop a format for citizen evaluation and risk communication of technologies used in the remediation and monitoring of contaminated soil and sediment, and wherever possible, to help fund and demonstrate promising technologies in ways that are acceptable to the scientific/technological and general communities alike.

9. The Forum will continue to work together to communicate about and respond to dredging issues arising from operations during the clean-up of New Bedford Harbor.

10. The Forum agrees that it will continue to have a role in the development of the next operable unit (Phase II or OU-1) of the New Bedford Harbor Clean-up.

These commitments were initially entered into unanimously on July 12 and August 9, 1994, and were formally confirmed by Forum representatives as of the date of their respective signatures on this Agreement.

Signatures of Forum representatives are attached on separate signature pages.

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New Bedford Mayor's Office

Dated:

December 2, 1994

[Signature]
NOTE: Execution of this Agreement is conclusively evidenced only by the initialing of Mayor upon the two page agreement together with this signature page.

Approved as to form

[Signature]
Arthur J. Caron, Jr.
Corporation Counsel

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Department of Environmental Protection

Dated:

Madeline Snow 11/29/94

Jay Chapante 11/29/94

Paul E. Caffrey



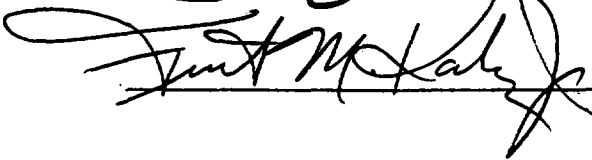
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New Bedford City Council

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National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration

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by Kenneth Finkelstein, Ph.D.

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Hands across the River Coalition

James Simmons PRES.

Regina M. Shaw

David Hammond

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Concerned Parents of Fairhaven

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Claudia Kirk

Kathleen M. Rocha

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Town of Acushnet

Dated: 11-21-94

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Town of Fairhaven

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John T. Hasland, Chmn.

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Environmental Protection Agency



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Frank Cavattoni


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State Elected Officials


Representative William Straus